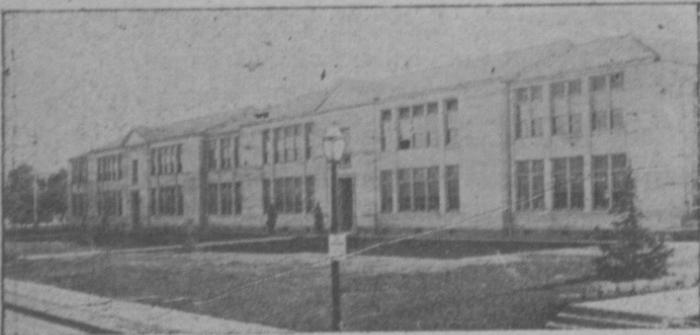


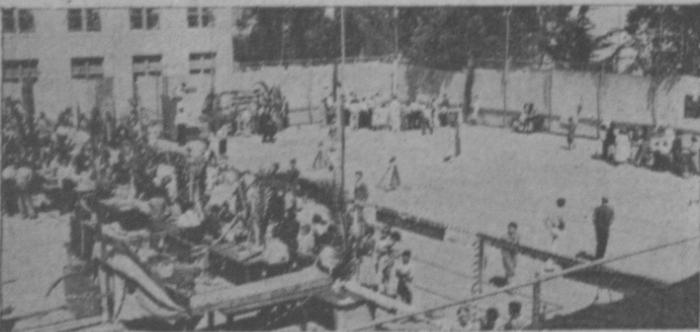
● **Patio at High School Presents Quite a Contrast From "Little Red Schoolhouse."**



● **Torrance High School.**



● **Torrance Elementary School.**



● **Carnival Day at High School.**



● **Ana Watson, at Fern Avenue School's Doll Exhibit, Holds Doll 83 Years Old Which Belonged to Her Grandmother; While 165-Year-Old Cradle Was Her Great-Great-Great-Aunt's.**

# an OUTSTANDING Public SCHOOL System

*Education Has Progressed to Meet Needs of Modern Industrial and Home City*

TORRANCE children are particularly fortunate with respect to their educational system. Three elementary schools, a high school and an evening high school are operated within its borders under the Los Angeles city school system; the Los Angeles county system has one elementary school; while the largest private Japanese school in the county is located here. In addition, nearby Redondo Beach, with its excellent St. James school, operated by St. Joseph's Sisters, accommodates between 60 and 75 students from Torrance.

Oldest school now within Torrance limits is Perry school, situated on Prairie avenue. Perry school district was organized in December, 1905, six years before Torrance was thought of. By 1913, when the Torrance Tract was opened, Perry had 32 pupils and two teachers. Eleven years later the present building was erected, to accommodate students in the first eight grades, and it is now attended by 159 pupils with a faculty of six. William Earl Brown is principal of this school, operated by the county system.

Redondo Beach school district established Walteria school in 1925, when only two teachers were needed. In February, 1927, the board of supervisors ordered the district boundaries changed, placing it under the Los Angeles city school system, effective July 1, 1927.

Today there are six teachers with Arthur E. Paine as principal and a registration of 160. Grades from kindergarten through the sixth are taught. **66 Pupils in 1913**

OPENING of Torrance Tract found a school ready for the 66 children who were here in September, 1913. For the Torrance school, now on Martina avenue, but then on Cabrillo, showed an enrollment of that size. Two teachers were employed.

## ● TORRANCE . . . on Review

Four elementary, two high and one private schools.

98 pupils, four teachers within present city boundaries in 1913.

2,677 pupils, 105 teachers in same area today.

Educational courses to fit city's needs.

Largest Japanese private school in Southern California is in Torrance.

Public schools operated partly by Los Angeles city board and partly by county.

City of Torrance may soon form own school district.

Until 1922 the school included both elementary and high school grades, but with the opening of Torrance high school in that year, the elementary school was restricted to the grades from kindergarten through the sixth. It now enrolls 761 students with 29 teachers, Alex Verhusen being the principal.

### Twin High Schools

SEPTEMBER 11, 1922, saw the first high schools—twins—in Torrance. On that date Torrance high school opened its doors to 168 students while Torrance evening high school enrolled 91. Eleven teachers at the former and four at the latter formed the faculties. Both schools are located at Carson and Watson.

Today these schools have enrollments of 756 and 296, respectively, with faculties of 35 and 10. Thomas Hughes Elson is principal of the high school while Guy Leroy Mowry is in charge of the evening high school. The high school includes the grades from 7 to 12, inclusive.

### Fern Avenue Latest

COMPLETING the schools operated under the Los Angeles city system, Fern avenue school was opened September 9, 1929, with an enrollment of 119 and a faculty of four. It has already more than doubled in size, the present enrollment

being 295 with a faculty of 10. Mrs. Oda Beardsley Vans is principal. The grades run from kindergarten through the 6th.

No better picture of the growth of Torrance through the years could be had than by comparing the 66 pupils and two teachers of 1913 with the 2108 students and 84 teachers which today serve the same territory.

### Progress of Education

BUT IT IS not only in size that Torrance schools have grown. When parents of the present students attended school the educational system was quite different. Education was planned to lead to completion at college, whether the student was to enter one or to leave for the business field. The scholar of those days was the man with a thorough knowledge of Latin and Greek, of higher mathematics, of philosophy and sciences.

Today, all that is changed. High school courses as given in Torrance include sufficient foreign languages, mathematics and sciences to accommodate the student who aims toward college, but the majority of courses are in such lines as will fit George or Mary for a business career, or Florence for a homemaker.

Included are such courses as typing, stenography, drafting, art, art needlework, foods,

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